

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 172

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Whaley, 2012  
Valedictorian of Forrest High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Whaley is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Forrest High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Whaley has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Rachel Whaley has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her scholastic accomplishments, she has been very active in various extracurricular organizations, serving as secretary and treasurer of the Leo Club, treasurer of the Beta Club and the FFA, president and vice president of the 4-H club, and a member of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Rachel Whaley received first place at the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest this year and the County 4-H Public Speaking Contest for four years, two County 4-H Clover of Excellence awards, and three County 4-H Golden Clover awards, among countless others; she was also chosen as a member of the Principal's Advisory Board, the First National Bank Student Advisory Board, the Tennessee State 4-H Honor Club, and the June Dairy Month Chairman for Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, she further demonstrated her remarkable character and sense of service through volunteer activities with Appalachian Outreach Ministries, the Lewisburg City Soup Kitchen, UNICEF, the Tennessee School for the Blind, and numerous church programs; and

WHEREAS, Miss Whaley's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Calvin and Mitzi Whaley, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Forrest High School Valedictorian, Rachel Whaley, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.